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Michael B. Hancock
Mayor

To: Mayor Michael B. Hancock
From: Romaine Pacheco, Director
Date: November 21, 2022

BOARD: National Western Center Authority Board
of Directors

POC: Anthony Aragon

BACKGROUND:

Members – 11 – Voting/2 non-voting (Mayor appoints 7)
Terms – 5 Years
Confirmation - Yes

The National Western Center Authority Board will provide oversight of the buildout, operations and programming of the year-round National Western Center campus for agricultural education, innovation and entertainment. The Authority will be incorporated by the City and County of Denver as a Colorado nonprofit corporation to program, operate and maintain the campus.

RECOMMENDATION;

John Ikard, Littleton, (M)(C) for a term expiring December 31, 2027, reappointed.

ACTION NEEDED:

Reappoint Ikard

Please provide additional candidates to consider.



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Contact Information

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Other Phone		Home Zip	80128
Other Email	john.ikard@efirstbank.com	County	Arapahoe
DOB	[REDACTED]	Hispanic or Latino origin or Descant?	No
SSN	[REDACTED]	Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian
Gender	Male	Other Ethnicity	
Other Gender		Salutation	Mr.

Board Information

Board Name	National Western Center Authority Board	Other boards or commissions served	National Western Center Authority Board
Status	New	Resigned	
Term Start Date			
Term End Date			

Work Information

Employer	FirstBank - CEO (Retired)	Work Address	12345 West Colfax Ave
Position	FirstBank - Chairman (Current)	Work City	Lakewood
Business Phone #	303235.1362	Work State	CO
Work Email	john.ikard@efirstbank.com	Work Zip	80215

Additional Information

Are you a registered voter?	Yes	Objection to appointment?	No
If so, what county?	Arapahoe	Special Information	
Denver City Council District No	N/A		

Education and General Qualifications

Name of High School	Las Cruces High School	Name of Graduate School	St Edward's University
Location of High School	Las Cruces, New Mexico	Location of Graduate School	Austin, Texas
# of Years Attended High school	4	# of Years Attended Graduate School	2
Did you Graduate	Yes	Did you Graduate	Yes

High School

Graduate Major MBA - Business Management

Name of College Colorado State University
Location of College Fort Collins
of Years Attended College 5
Did you Graduate College Yes
Undergrad Major BS Psychology

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Agree to a background check

Owner Romaine Pacheco

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John A. Ikard

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Education

- **Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado**
 - **BS – Psychology (1979)**

- **St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas**
 - **MBA – Business Management (1981)**

- **Pacific Coast Banking School, University of Washington**
 - **Certificate of Banking (1987)**

Work Experience

FirstBank Holding Company

- **Hired as a Management Trainee in 1981,**

- **Promoted to bank officer in 1982**

- **Promoted to President of Tech Center in 1990**

- **Promoted to President and CEO of FirstBank Holding Company in 1999, retired from FirstBank on March 31, 2017.**

- **FirstBank is now the 3rd largest privately held bank in the country and third largest bank in the State of Colorado. In 1999, the year John Ikard was named CEO, FirstBank had \$3.95 billion in assets and a split adjusted stock price of \$167/share. As of March 31, 2019, the company had in excess of \$19 billion dollars in assets and a current stock price of \$840/share.**

- **Growth in assets and deposits has been 99% organic.**

- **Based on peer data representing the 100 largest financial institutions in the country, FirstBank have consistently ranked in the 93% - 98% percentile in return on equity (ROE) over the past 20 years.**

- Despite the banking crisis and economic downturn of 2008-2011, FirstBank has recorded 10 consecutive years of record profits (2007 – 2016). In 2017, FirstBank is expected to produce an 11th consecutive year of record profits.
- In 2000, John Ikard implemented a culture of strategic philanthropy and community involvement. From the inception of the bank in 1963 until Ikard took the reins in 1999, the bank had contributed a total of \$5 million dollars. Since 2000, the bank has donated over \$57 million to charitable organizations. In 2014-2016, the bank was the 2nd largest corporate contributor in the State of Colorado.
- John Ikard's retirement: www.denverpost.com/2017/01/29/firstbank-ceo-john-ikard/

Boards and Organizations

- **Denver Economic Development Corporation – *Past Chairman* (2006-2007)**
- **Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce – *Past Chairman* (2008-2009)**
 - Denver's largest and most significant business organization
- **Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City – Board Member (2008 -2013)**
- **American Bankers Association (ABA) –*Past Chairman* (2014-2015)**
 - ABA is the country's largest banking trade association representing over 4,000 banks ranging in size from \$20 million to over \$2 trillion dollars in assets.
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_-2ZhkQQyw
- **Denver Area Boy Scout Council – *Past President & Chairman* (2009 – 2013)**
 - The Country's 5th largest Boy Scout Council.
- **Colorado State University Board of Trustees (2009 – 2011)**
- **Children's Hospital Foundation (2000 – 2016)**
- **Children's Hospital – Board of Directors (2016 – Present)**

- **Women’s Foundation of Colorado – Board Member (2014 – Present)**
 - **Currently John Ikard is the only male board member as the Women’s Foundation organization seeks to diversify its board composition.**
- **Archdiocese of Denver – Finance Committee (2004 – 2008)**
- **Colorado Concern – Past Chairman (2013 and 2016 – 2019)**
 - **Colorado Concern is considered Colorado’s most influential Business/Political organization with a membership consisting of 125 CEOs and senior level executives of Colorado’s largest and most important businesses.**
- **National Western Center Authority – Current Chairman**
 - **Partnership between City of Denver, Colorado State University and National Western Stock Show involving a \$1 billion redevelopment of a 256 site in North Denver. Transformational development for the entire State of Colorado**

Honors

- **American Banker, “Community Banker of the Year” (2010)**
- **Mizel Community Enrichment Award (2018)**
 - **Denver’s most prestigious community service award**
- **Colorado State University – William E. Morgan Alumni Achievement Award (2013)**
 - **Colorado State University’s most prestigious award for outstanding alumni**
- **Boy Scout “Vale La Pena Award” – Service to Hispanic and Latino Youth (2013)**
- **National Center for Public Trust – Bill Daniels Honoree for Ethics in Business (2018)**
- **Ethics in Business Award (2008)**
- **FirstBank has been honored as “Best Places to Work” for six consecutive years.**